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Holy Rosary Cluster

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The office this week: CLOSED - Monday

Staffed: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Any time by appointment

15 minutes before weekday Mass in Elma

First Friday 3:00 - 3:40 p.m. at St. Peter, New Haven

First Friday 4:00 - 4:40 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Riceville

Lourdes - Saturday, 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Alta Vista - Saturday, 5:00 - 5:45 PM; when Lourdes has 4 PM
Mass Alta Vista confessions will be 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

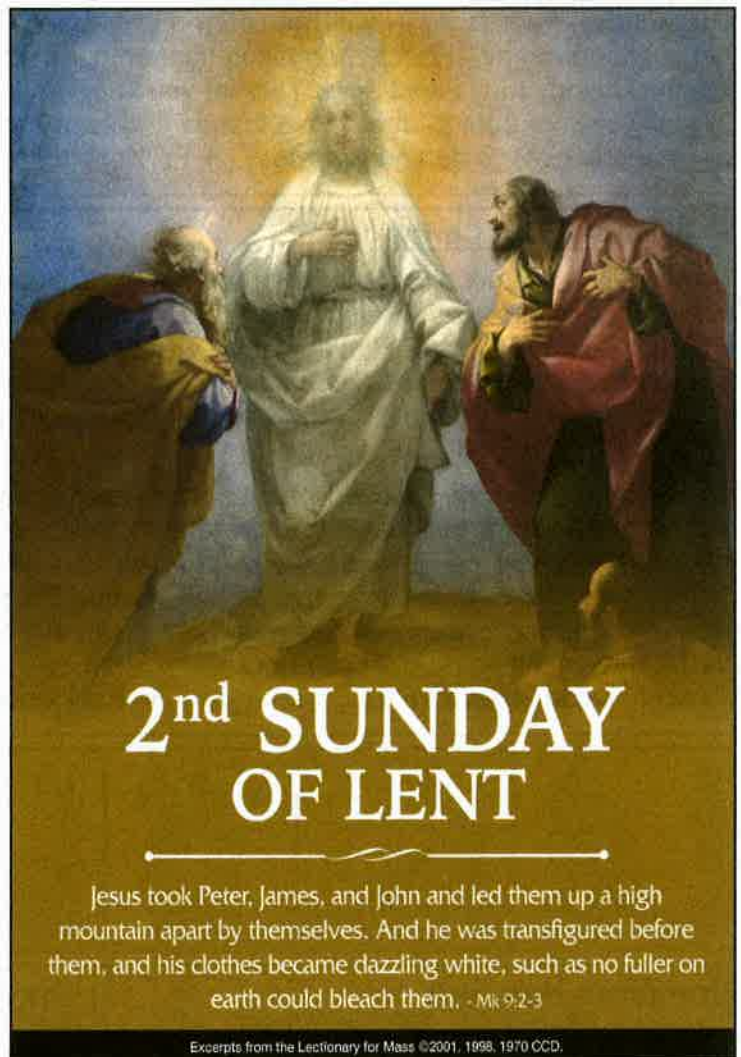
Elma - Sunday, 6:30 - 7:00 AM

Riceville - Sunday, 8:15 - 8:45 AM; when there is no 7:15 AM
Mass at Elma.

**No confession time at the parish that does not
have weekend Mass.**

**Regular Bulletin Deadline - Please have bulletin
items to the office Friday before Noon the week
before** you would like the item in the bulletin.

Thank You!



Marriage

Please contact the priest at least six months in advance.

Baptism

Make baptism arrangements by phoning the Cluster Office
(393-2520) during office hours.

February 25, 2024

Holy Rosary Cluster

To the Members of Holy Rosary Cluster:

Father Kopacek Message: Read At Mass February 17 & 18

I would like to thank you so very much for your prayers and support. Your concern for my health and wellbeing has been overwhelming and I am grateful for your immense kindness. Thank you for welcoming our seminarian Jacob Francois on the altar and 'breaking him in' so to speak. Jacob mentioned that we had a great turn-out for our 5 Ash Wednesday liturgies and that his week without the pastor has been 'baptism by fire.' I am grateful to him for stepping in while I have been away at the hospital in Mason City. Nancy as always, is steering the ship too, a big thank you to her.

After being in the hospital for a week, this is the prognosis: I have developed a blood clot in my leg and one in each lung. Additionally, my doctors have discovered a thickening of the esophagus leading into the stomach. Once we find out what's going on, then we will develop a plan. I will keep you fully informed.

Please keep me in your prayers, you are in mine.

Father Kopacek Message: February 20

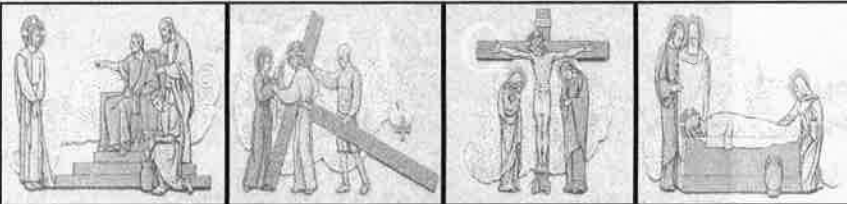
On Monday, February 19 I was transferred to Mitchell County Regional Health Center in Osage for physical and occupation therapy. I remain on blood thinners for the blood clots. Once we get all the results back concerning the thickening of my esophagus, I will let you know my next steps. While I am at the hospital in Osage, I am asking only visitors from priests, close friends and family so I can regain my strength. I thank you so very much for all your concern, cards and prayers. ~ Fr. Kopacek

Praised be Jesus Christ!

I would like to thank all the parishioners of Holy Rosary Cluster for their concern and their prayerful support for Fr. Kopacek. He left the hospital in Mason City on Monday and is now receiving medical care in Osage, IA at Mitchell County Regional Health Center. At this time, Father is still awaiting some test results and once he finds out what's going on he will keep us fully informed. At this time, Father is unable to take any visitors. He requests that he receives only family members and close friends (mostly priests) as he is very weak and is trying to regain his strength.

Fr. Kopacek is a very beloved priest in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and I am consoled that the Catholics in northern Iowa have been able to receive the ministry of such an exceptional priest. When I learned that I would be studying under Fr. Kopacek, I was delighted to know that I would be learning from one of the best! Despite Father's absence, we continue this Lenten journey! Please continue to join us for weekly word & communion services, Lenten stations of the cross, and our new adult faith formation bible study. It's been a joy to be with you, particularly in the season of Holy Lent.

Peace! Jacob Francois Ph.L., Seminarian in Residence



Get Well Cards for Fr. Kopacek

Anyone wishing to send Get Well cards to Fr. Kopacek may send them to the Holy Rosary Cluster Office, 203-7th St, Elma, IA 50628.



Eucharistic Holy Hour

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at Elma from 5-6 PM. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament from 5:00-6:00 PM.



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Cluster News

Live Streaming & Daily Reflections

Watch Sunday Mass live. Mass is Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in Riceville or watch the Mass on the cluster website under 'Parish Happenings' or the cluster Facebook page.



Mass Intentions Week of February 26

Monday, February 26

Lenten Weekday - Dn 9:4-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Tuesday, February 27

St. Gregory of Narek - Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12

8:00 AM (Elma) - Word & Communion

Wednesday, February 28

Lenten Weekday - Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28

8:00 AM (Elma) - Word & Communion

Thursday, February 29

Lenten Weekday - Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

NO MASS - Please Pray for Vocations

Friday, March 1

First Friday - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:00 AM (Elma) - Word & Communion

Saturday, March 2

Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent - Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

4:00 PM (Lourdes) + Harold Thiele

6:00 PM (Alta Vista) + NO MASS

Sunday, February 25

Third Sunday of Lent - Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

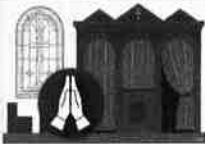
7:15 AM (Elma) + Joe & Margaret McGrane

9:00 AM (Riceville) + For the People

10:45 AM (New Haven) + Miriam Kirst

No First Friday Confessions

Please note there will be NO First Friday confessions in Holy Rosary Cluster until further notice.



Eucharistic Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross

- Friday, Mar. 1 -- Riceville (5:30 PM)
- Friday, Mar. 8 -- Lourdes (5:30 PM)
- Friday, Mar. 15 -- Alta Vista (5:30 PM)
- Friday, Mar. 22 -- New Haven (5:30 PM)



MEETINGS

Thurs., March 14 - Social Justice at 6:30 PM

Thurs., April 18 - Parish Life at 6:00 PM

Meetings will be held in the Elma I.C. church basement.

St. Bernard's 38th Annual

St. Patrick's Grilled Pork Chop Supper

DRIVE-THRU ONLY

Sunday, March 10

(Serving 3:00-6:00 PM)

Alta Vista Municipal Hall

(Snow Date is Sun., March 17)

Cost is \$15 in advance or \$16 at the Door

Raffle: Matching funds by Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Joseph Court #878



Cluster Movie Day

Sunday, March 3 at 2:00 PM in the I.C.

Elma Church Hall.

The Song of Bernadette is a 1943 American biographical drama film based on the 1941 novel of the same name by Franz Werfel. Bernadette Soubirous reportedly experienced eighteen visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary from February to July 1858 and was canonized in 1933.

February 11, 1858, 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, a peasant girl who lives in extreme poverty with her family in Lourdes, France has a vision of "a beautiful lady" in the city dump.

The movie follows Bernadette through her trials and tribulations on her way to becoming a saint.

St. Bernadette's story is an inspiring and well written drama, beautifully portrayed by the actors about her life. Refreshments will be available. Sponsored by the Parish Life Committee.

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jacob Francois, our seminarian, will be leading the parish study. You can contact him with questions via email: j.francois@dbqarch.org

10 Week Session Schedule:

2. 2:00PM Wednesday, February 28 (Riceville)
3. 2:00PM Wednesday, March 6 (Elma)
4. 2:00PM Wednesday, March 13 (Riceville)
5. 2:00PM Wednesday, March 27 (Elma)
6. 2:00PM Wednesday, April 3 (Riceville)
7. 2:00PM Wednesday, April 10 (Elma)
8. 2:00PM Wednesday, April 24 (Riceville)
9. 2:00PM Wednesday, May 1 (Elma)
10. 2:00PM Wednesday, May 8 (Riceville)

There is no cost to attend the study, a free will offering can be given to off-set the cost of the study. Each participant will be given the workbook, Jesus timeline card and the book. Please bring a bible with you!

Thank you! Jacob Francois

+ St. Bernard +

Vocation Crucifix

February 24 - Mildred Brus
March 2 - Fran & Jerome Boehmer

+ Immaculate Conception-Riceville +

Breakfast

St. Anne's Rosary Society will be serving breakfast following the 9:00 AM Mass today in the church hall All are welcome to join us and welcome Jacob Francois to our cluster.

Rosary Society News

St. Anne's Rosary Society meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3 at 6:00 PM in the church hall.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for your donations to the Elf Shop. Many families benefit year round from all the generous donations. Your thoughtfulness was a blessing. ~Donna McPhail

+ St. Peter +

Welcome For Jacob Francios

St. Peter, New Haven will have a light luncheon following the 10:45 AM Mass on Sunday, March 10th. Please join us in giving Jacob a warm welcome.

Liturgy Schedules Available

The March and April liturgy schedules are available in the back of church. Liturgical Ministers, please pick up a schedule.

Catholic Charities Helps the Most Vulnerable

Did you know that your donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque stays in the 30 counties of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and serves the most poor and vulnerable in our local communities? Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque has continuously evolved to respond to the ever-changing needs of people in our communities. Catholic Charities remains a leader in providing direct social services to families right here in Northeast Iowa. <https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/donate>. **Please send your contributions directly to: Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque 52003.**



Calendar Events

Elma Boy Scout and Cub Scout Omelet Breakfast

Sunday, February 25 from 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Elma Memorial Hall

Omelets with your choice of toppings: Ham, Sausage, Cheese, Mushrooms, Onions, Green Peppers, Salsa, Toast, Fruit Cup & Sweet Rolls, Coffee, Milk or Juice
Free Will Donation, Take Outs Available
Proceeds will be used to help with Summer Camp Costs and Merit Badges. Everyone is Welcome!

Calendar Events

Holy Family Parish Annual Soup Festival

Sunday, February 25, 2024, 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Hynes Hall, Holy Family Parish, New Hampton

Serving: Chili, Chicken Noodle and Cheese soup \$12/per person (dine-in). Raffle Tickets available to purchase.

Faith Revival at I.C. in Charles City

Lenten Faith Revival, February 25, 26 & 27

Speaker, Joe Farris and Musician, Lee Roessler will bring encouragement, prayer and music. 6:00-7:00 PM Free-Will Donation Supper in the Social Hall and Program from 7:00-8:00 PM.

Men's Conference

28th Annual Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference on **Saturday, March 9th** at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. The Conference will also be livestreamed. Keynote speaker will be John Edwards, founder and director of Pew Ministries. The day also includes Mass with Archbishop Thomas Zinkula and breakout sessions presented by local speakers. For more information and registration, visit www.archmenconference.org.

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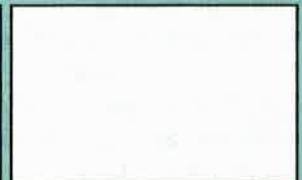
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